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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for creating a story by multiple collaborators comprising:
 - receiving a story concept for the story;
 - determining whether the story concept includes content that meets a predetermined criteria set by a party separate from the collaborators and deleting the story concept if the content fails to meet the predetermined criteria;
 - making the story concept available for online access by the multiple collaborators if the content meets the predetermined criteria;
 - receiving content associated with the story concept from the multiple collaborators;
 - determining if the content from each of the multiple collaborators is approved for inclusion in the story based on votes received online through a wide area network connection from at least a subset of the multiple collaborators;
 - creating the story from the content that is approved; and
 - deleting the content if the multiple collaborators have failed to approve the content.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - determining if the content meets pre-determined criteria; and
 - deleting the content if it does not meet the pre-determined criteria.
4. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - publishing the story online for public viewing.
5. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - publishing the story online for private viewing.

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6. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the content is approved comprises:
receiving a vote from an editor.
7. (Previously Presented) The computerized method of claim 6 further comprising:
notifying the editor when the content is received and posted for review by the editor.
8. (Previously Presented) The computerized method of claim 6 wherein after receiving the story concept is available, further comprises:
receiving a list of editors including the editor for use in notifying the editors of a receipt of the story concept.
9. (Previously Presented) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the content is deleted automatically without user intervention.
10. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the content received from one of the multiple collaborators is of a different type than content received from another one of the multiple collaborators.
11. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining a reward for one or more of the multiple collaborators.
12. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 11, wherein determining a reward comprises:
requesting a vote via online from each viewer of the story; and
counting the votes.
13. (Original) The computerized method of claim 11, wherein the reward is based on a category for the story.
14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a server computer to perform a method comprising:
receiving a concept for a story;

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determining whether the story concept includes content that meets a predetermined criteria set by a party separate from the collaborators and deleting the story concept if the content of the story concept fails to meet the predetermined criteria;

if the content of the story concept is acceptable, receiving content related to an element in the concept from one of a plurality of collaborators coupled to the server computer;

receiving at least a subset of votes online through a wide area network connection from the group consisting of the plurality of collaborators and an originator of the concept;

including the content in the story if the received votes indicate that the content is approved; and

deleting the content if the received votes fail to indicate that the content is approved.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-executable instructions comprising:

publishing the story online when all content for the concept is approved.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-executable instructions comprising:

deleting the content if it does not meet pre-determined standards.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-executable instructions comprising:

receiving the concept for the story from the originator.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 having further computer-executable instructions comprising:

making the concept available if it meets pre-determined standards.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-executable instructions comprising:

determining a reward for one or more of the originator and the plurality of collaborators.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the reward is based on online votes from viewers of the story.

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21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the reward is based on a category for the story.

22. (Currently Amended) A computerized system comprising:
a processor;
a memory coupled to the processor through a system bus;
a computer-readable medium coupled to the processor through the system bus; and
an online collaborative story process executed from the computer-readable medium by the processor to cause the processor to receive a concept for an online story and to post the concept online if the concept meets a predetermined criteria set by a site administrator and to delete the concept if the concept fails to meet the predetermined criteria, wherein the concept defines content for the story, to receive the content for the story from multiple collaborators, to receive votes online through a wide area network connection from at least a subset of the multiple collaborators, to include the content in the story if the received votes indicate that the content is approved and to delete the content if the received votes from the multiple collaborators does not approve inclusion of the content.

23. (Original) The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story process further causes the processor to publish the story online.

24. (Original) The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story process further causes the processor to delete the content when the content does not satisfy pre-determined criteria.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story process further causes the processor to request online votes from viewers of the story and to determine a reward based on votes received in response to the request.

28. (Currently Amended) A networked server system comprising:

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means for posting a concept for a story in a story concept area for access by a plurality of collaborators;

means for reviewing the concept prior to posting the concept in the story concept area and deleting the concept if the concept fails to meet a predetermined criteria set by a site administrator;

means for posting content associated with the story concept in a working content area, the content being received from the plurality of collaborators;

means for voting online through a wide area network connection by at least a subset of the plurality of collaborators on the content in the online working content area, wherein votes indicate whether the content is approved for publishing;

means for publishing the content approved by the means for voting in a published story area to create the story; and

means for deleting the content if not approved by the means for voting.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) The networked server system of claim 2928, further comprising:

means for collecting votes from viewers of the story; and

means for awarding one or more of the plurality of collaborators for the story based on the votes collected by the means for collecting.

31-34. (Cancelled)